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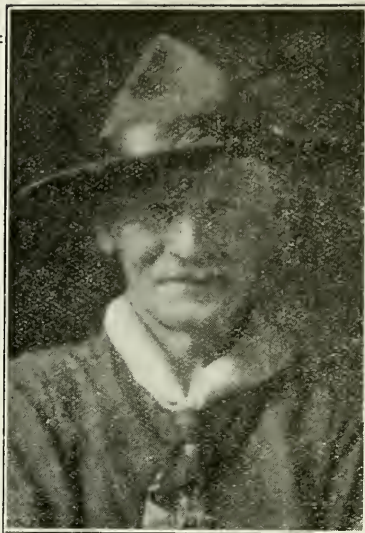
A LATTER-DAY SAINT SCOUT TROOP
(Hull Branch)

TO LATTER-DAY SAINT SCOUTERS

From President Heber J. Grant

ABOUT THOSE BOY SCOUTS

Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell



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OF GILWELL

SCOUTING FOR BOYS

“THE aim for the Scout training is to replace Self with Service, to make lads individually efficient, morally and physically, with the object of using that efficiency for the service of the community. . . .

“The effects of this training, where it has been in competent hands, have exceeded all expectations in making happy, healthy, helpful citizens. . . .

“Every day we are turning away boys anxious to join the movement because we have not the men or women to take them in hand. There is a vast reserve of loyal patriotism and Christian spirit lying dormant in our nation today, mainly because it sees no direct opportunity for expressing itself. Here in this joyous brotherhood there is vast opportunity open to all in a happy work that is worth while because it gives every man his chance for service to his fellow men and God.”

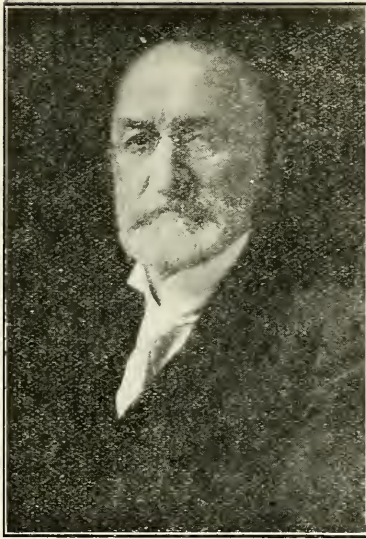
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THE CHIEF SCOUT

From
“Scouting for Boys”





PRESIDENT
HEBER J. GRANT

TO LATTER-DAY SAINT SCOUTERS

I AM very happy to give the Boy Scout movement my full endorsement. For many years as acting superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, I was active in the promotion of this programme. I feel that thousands of our boys have been helped in becoming good men by living up to the principles of the Boy Scout movement.

"It is a real satisfaction to me to know that through the co-operation of our general, stake, mission and ward officers we have more Boy Scouts per capita than any other Church in the United States.

"I hope that our Scout leaders will remember that it is our privilege and obligation, in connection with the promotion of this programme, to see that our boys receive also proper religious training in order that they may become real citizens."

HEBER J. GRANT

President of the Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

From "Scouting in
the L. D. S. Church"



ABOUT THOSE BOY SCOUTS

An Open Letter from Lord Baden-Powell

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

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“ABOUT those Boy Scouts—has it ever struck you that you ought to be connected with them?”

“But you ought to be if only for your own amusement, because there’s lots of fun and also a lot of good to be got out of it. ‘Got out of it?’ Yes—and before you’ve been in it five minutes a strange thing happens: instead of looking to see what you are going to *get out of it* you are looking to see what you can *put into it*.

“Are you, in a general way, efficient? Of course you are; you can read and write and so on, and—yes, well, for instance—can you swim?”

“Yes, of course you can; and can box a man of your own weight or hold off an attack by a ju-jitsu grip? Can you carry your own golf clubs and stalk your own stag—or do you need a fellow to do it for you? Can you catch a fish and milk a cow, and light a fire and cook your own food on occasion, or must you starve because you are dependent on some one else to do these simple things for you? Do you know how to stop a runaway horse, or rescue a drowning person, or to render First Aid in case of a cut artery?”

“If you cannot do little things of this kind you ought to join the Boy Scouts, since, even as a “grown-up” you will there learn them fast enough. If, on the other hand, you can already do them it is equally important for you to join the Scouts—in order that you may impart this knowledge to the boys.

“Of course, you may say that you are too old or much too busy, or not quite strong enough, or that you don’t understand the variety of subjects that a Scoutmaster has to know. These are the objections advanced by nine out of ten of our workers before they joined and before they found themselves up to the neck—heart and soul—in it, in spite of them.

“Or possibly you are a lady—it doesn’t matter.

“The fact is, whoever you are and whatever you are it is in your power to do something for the boy. That sounds a big order, but it is a fact. You have a hobby of some sort. The boys are just aching for hobbies. You can probably draw a sketch or mend a clock or collect butterflies. We need instructors in every kind of direction, if only for an hour or two a week. Can you not spare that amount of time?”

“If you are too old you will find that mixing with the boys makes you young again—age exchanges its experience for the fresh young dreams of boyhood. The number of invalids whom Scouting has led to forget their ills is very large.

“The Scoutmaster does not need to be an Admirable Crichton. He does not need to know more than one thing and that is—the boy.

“If he can give the impetus and direct



the boy's enthusiasm into the right line, that is all he has to do.

"The man who joins us to do good for the boy finds that he is doing good for himself as well in a jolly healthy brotherhood of boy-men whose fetish is the out-of-doors. We pay no regard to political opinions, social standing or religious denominations, and we don't go in for military training.

"Scoutmasters are badly wanted, so are organizers, hobby-teachers, physical trainers, commissioners, committee-men, ladies to train wolf cubs, financial supporters, speakers, writers, etc. . . .

"We have 477,000 boys in the movement now, and ten times that number waiting to come in, waiting till there are enough men to act as Scoutmasters or until they have drifted past the cross roads into the waste.

"The prevalent disease—no, it is worse than that—the prevalent crime throughout our nation today is self-interest. 'Where do *I* come in?' 'How does this or that policy affect *my* interest?' These are too generally the first thoughts in one's mind. The good of the community only comes in in a very secondary place.

"Through the Scout training we are trying to reverse the sequence in the mind of our future citizens. Our aim is individual efficiency for the better service of others—that is, true citizenship. It is brought about by the personal example of the Scoutmaster himself, and is encouraging the boy to develop, through activities which appeal to him, the attributes of Character, Health, Handicraft and Service for others.

"The men or women who take a hand in this will find, as life grows shorter and things get into perspective, that this is the only thing that is really worth while, that really matters.

"It does a great good for the youngster, a greater good for the country, and, incidentally, the greatest good for oneself—since it brings you closer to God.

"May I send you some further information on the subject?"

Yours truly
BADEN-POWELL

In the Chief's Office

A YOUNG MAN stood in the Chief Scout's office at Imperial Headquarters. His heart beat fast with the assurance that it was actually in this room that his great living ideal worked.

A picture caught his eye. In colour was outlined a granite shaft surmounted by a ball from which rose the gilded figure of a pair of gulls. His heart beat faster. "Sea Gull Monument. Erected in Grateful Remembrance of the Mercy of God to the Mormon Pioneers." Tears of emotion welled in the young man's eyes. His fingers tightened into the salute he had first given as a Tenderfoot at twelve. His living ideal, the Chief Scout, was honouring those great Scouts of the Old West and their faith in God.

The boy caught a glimpse of the nobility of character that had made the name of Robert Baden-Powell endeared the world over. He and his brother leaders are re-echoing that love with a resolve to carry on in the Scout ideals of their pioneer forebears.



THE LATTER-DAY SAINT CHURCH AND SCOUTING

IN the brief but eventful history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, its missionaries, a travelling ministry serving always without remuneration and often travelling without purse or scrip, have taken the message of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people." And wherever the Church has gone with its programme for the temporal and eternal salvation of mankind, the Boy Scout programme has followed to assist in building manhood. From South Africa to Sweden, from the United States and Canada eastward to the islands of the Pacific, under flags of twenty-two nations, Scout troops have been formed in affiliation with the youth organizations of the Church, and with Latter-day Saint men as leaders. Indeed, Scouting under the supervision of the Latter-day Saint Church has encircled the globe.

The record of this far-flung brotherhood of Latter-day Saint Scouts is second to none among similar religious groups in all the world. Their achievements have called forth tributes from some of the Movement's most influential leaders. Particularly in America, where Scouting is most universally established as an adjunct of the Church youth movement, has recognition been accorded Latter-day Saint work in its support. Dr. James E. West, the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, in a recent communication to the *Improvement Era* made this declaration:

"Among no church which has sponsored Scouting have we met with more wholehearted and effective co-operation and generous support than in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or finer, more enthusiastic leaders of unusually high calibre. The State of Utah has a larger percentage of Scouts in its boy population, I am told, than any other state in the Union, and there is a larger per capita Scout membership in the Mormon faith than that of any other religious body on record. . . .

"The Youth Movement of the Mormon Church is in every way in accord with the very things we are working for in Scouting . . .—a life founded on Scout qualities of honour and loyalty, cheerful and intelligent obedience to law, reliability, courage, the habit of clean living, clean talking, clean thinking, friendliness to all people, the readiness to serve at all times, in small ways or great, the love of the great outdoors, the love of one's neighbour, in the true Christ spirit, the love of God with all it means of reverence and ethical living, the realization of why we are here on earth at all, which can have fundamentally but one goal, the furtherance of the Kingdom of God, the practical realization of 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'

"May the Church Youth Programme move forward with its tremendous gift to young people, who today perhaps more than ever in our jumble of modern living need the steadying influence of noble leadership, under the banner of a great ideal!"

DR. GEORGE J. FISHER, the Deputy Chief Scout Executive of the American Boy Scout association, in these words paid compliment to the Church for its service to Scouting:

"The Mormon Church has been a great pioneering Movement.

It has plowed the fields; broken the forests; built cities; raised up tabernacles; stood by its youth in perilous times and in momentous epochs of their experience.

"Today there comes to it the challenge to continue along with youth, to help give direction to them in these modern days, to help pioneer the new society and see to it that youth retains the same qualities of initiative, of self-dependence as was true in the early pioneering.

"The Mormon Church stands out preeminently in its volunteer service. Its leaders are highminded. They seek to lead youth into the paths of character. The Mormon Church is the social center about which the youth of the Mormon communities rotate.

"Here we find recreation and sports, the intermingling of the sexes under fine direction. Never was there a better opportunity for building the type of communities that are based upon fellowship, on the broadening of life in all its relationships than now.

"The Mormon Church is preeminently a social church. It seeks to bring the influence of the Church into all its relations with youth, and thus spiritualize those relationships. . . ."

IN CANADA, too, the high plane on which Latter-day Saint Scouting is conducted has been recognized. Mr. John A. Stiles, Chief Executive Commissioner of the Canadian General Council said:

"The Scout organization in Canada has been very happy in its relations with the Latter-day Saint Church. As a matter of fact, we both seem to be working towards the same end, placing the greatest emphasis on the things of the spirit. It has been most encouraging to notice the number of special training courses organized by the members of that Church, especially in Alberta, and the large attendance at such courses."

AND on the occasion of the twenty-first anniversary of the adoption of Scouting into the youth programme of the Church, Dr. Ray O. Wyland, who is the director of education and relations for the Boy Scouts of America, gave expression to this splendid tribute to the Church—a tribute inspired by his association with the Church and Church Scouters:

"I am aware of the vitality of Mormonism. I have been impressed with its method of organization and the onward sweep of this great Church.

"I have been especially impressed by the Youth Movement within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and its constructive programme of youth guidance which is bringing up a generation of young men and women possessed with spiritual insight and a zeal for the Kingdom of God which is unsurpassed by any religious group that I know.

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints uses the Boy Scout Movement in a larger way than any other Church in existence. It has a larger per capita of Scouts in its membership than any other religious body on record, and the state of Utah has a larger percentage of Scouts in its boy population than any other state.

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EDITORIAL

THE CHURCH AND THE YOUTH

PERSONS well acquainted with the teachings and practices of the Church know of the great concern manifested by the Church for its young people. The duty of parents properly to educate and train their children is strongly emphasized. The Church is active in providing opportunities, facilities and environments helpful to their physical, mental and spiritual development. No people or organization can place a higher value on the worth of children than do the Latter-day Saints.

As indicative of the care taken by the Church in the training of its youth we point to the number and excellence of the children and adolescent organizations and classes—Primaries, Sunday Schools, Mutual Improvement Associations, seminaries, Priesthood quorums, etc., including the several different departments and classes in each organization, permitting of suitable and effective grading for class-room and activity work. In the average sized ward—about 700 members—the completeness and efficiency of the organization of any one of these associations is almost marvellous, particularly in view of the fact that the services of all the officers and teachers are rendered gratis. Convincing on this point would be a careful reading of the complete ward programme of any association as published in the official magazine of that association.

So educational leaders in other churches who have carefully examined into the educational programme of our Church pronounce it exceptionally fine and worthy of emulation. The seminary system of the Church, for example, as it is established in many of the stakes, has been pronounced by qualified observers as without an equal in all America. Similarly the Latter-day Saint Sunday School, as found in the typical ward, is not surpassed anywhere else in the world, so we have been told by non-members of our Church. What qualified Boy Scout executives in the United States and Canada have to say of Scouting in the Church over there may be found in the article beginning on page 198 in this issue of the *Star*. Please read it.

The attitude of the Church towards wholesome movements, even though they originate and are officered outside of the Church, is indicated by the Church's attitude towards Scouting, as expressed by President Heber J. Grant, printed on page 195 of this issue. President Grant gives the Boy Scout movement his full endorsement. And he also gives endorsement—hence so does the Church—to other wholesome move-

ments. The Church view, in general, is that good and all good acts are recognized in heaven and will be suitably rewarded unto those responsible for, and doing them.

With respect to Scouting in Britain the *Millennial Star* takes the same sympathetic attitude that the Church takes towards this and other wholesome movements. This attitude is one of encouragement. We expect to see the day when Scouting in the Church in the British Isles will have the same relatively high standing that Church troops have attained in scouting circles in America. And may this day come soon! To bring it about, however, means work and lots of it. But there are many willing workers in the Church in the British Isles. To these we appeal for help to get Boy Scout troops organized in the branches under the leadership of capable, enthusiastic workers. This new movement among the branches in these Isles is worthy of, and should receive, the active and hearty support of the travelling elders and officers of the districts and branches. We urge that there be no sulking in the branches relative to this or to any other activity that has the endorsement of the officials of the Mission. In many of the branches the facilities for this movement may not be ideal, but these can be improved. "Where there is a will there is a way."

There is a crying need for more interest and more activity in improving the work and organizations for the young in Britain. We can do nothing better for the branches than improve the work of the auxiliary organizations. Hence greater activity in these organizations is one of the needs of the hour. And herein is opportunity for all—old as well as young.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER

[EDITOR'S NOTE: *Here is a message of encouragement to Latter-day Saint Scouts from Mr. Herbert Martin, the International Boy Scout Commissioner, whose offices are at Imperial Headquarters in London. The Improvement Era carried this communication to our brother Scouts in America, and we are happy to be able to bring it to Latter-day Saint Scouts and Scouters in Britain.*]

IT is with the greatest pleasure that I send my warmest greetings to all my brother Scouts of the Church of the Latter-day Saints and wish them every happiness and prosperity.

Both on the occasion of my visit to America and also at the various World Jamborees it has been my privilege to meet many of your Leaders and Scouts. From my personal contact with them I have learned to have a deep regard for the splendid spirit which animates you all. In Scouting it is the spirit which counts. I feel that you, my brother Scouts, set us a really fine example in all that most matters, and I wish you all the good things that you most wish for yourselves.

It is my great hope that I may have the pleasure of meeting many of your Leaders and Rover Scouts at the Rover Moot and International Conference in Sweden next summer.

The Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, is at present in Australia attending the Australian Jamboree, but I know that if he had been here he would have wished to send you his personal most cordial greetings.

Your sincere brother Scout

HERBERT MARTIN

International Commissioner

JOIN YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION

THE British Boy Scouts Association, serving more than half a million Boy Scouts and their leaders, are organized in every town and village of any consequence in the British Isles.

These local Associations are composed of far-seeing men of all types and classes, anxious for the well-being of the youth of Britain. They meet monthly or quarterly, depending on the size of the Association and the business to be handled, and discuss ways and means of bettering Scout conditions and their community generally.

Membership in these Associations is open to other progressive men who have the welfare of the nation's youth at heart. The fee in most cases is one shilling per year; in a few exceptional cases, five shillings.

To every reader of the *Star*, district and branch presidencies, Y. M. M. I. A. and Sunday School leaders, we say, "Join your local Associations! Be of valiant use to your fellow-countrymen.

Membership and application forms may be secured from the secretary of the local Association in your community.—BRITISH MISSION Y. M. M. I. A. SUPERINTENDENCY.

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"More significant than mere numbers and percentages, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has developed a better co-ordination of Scouting with the Church programme, not only in the younger years of Scouts 12 to 15, but also in the late adolescent period of Vanguards 16 to 18 and older, and in this Senior Programme there is a beautiful correlation of Church instruction and participation in the Aaronic Priesthood which provides a further development of youthful leadership and a spiritualized youth movement in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"We are thoroughly convinced that there is no other Church that has given more intelligent and effective supervision to its Scout Troops, and we have not met anywhere in our Church relations a finer group of men than are found among the leaders of this Church.

"The supreme test of devotion is the sacrifice it will make. I have been profoundly impressed by the high quality of young men who visit our National Office on their way to the foreign mission field and return two or three years later with a more mature and serious look on their faces, having fulfilled the

missionary purposes of the Church as expressed in the injunction, 'Go and carry the good tidings to all men.'

"I, therefore, again salute the Church and its leadership from the Presidency to the humblest of the Y. M. M. I. A. leaders, and pledge you every co-operation within my power in the further development of your youth programme and the spiritual growth of your young men and women."

Scouting in the Latter-day Saint Church has a world-tradition of achievement and renown, to which Scouting in the British mission, yet in its infancy, has fallen heir. A world-wide brotherhood of Latter-day Saint Scouts look to the British mission to honour this splendid heritage, and to "carry on" in this great Movement.—RICHARD S. BENNETT.

THE DIRECTION THAT SHAPES DESTINY

SOMETIME preceding the year 1050 A.D. a stone-mason carved from a quarry a huge stone. This stone he shipped to London and it became the corner-stone of London's famous Westminster Abbey. In Yorkshire a sheep-shearer clipped from the back of a sheep a quantity of wool. This wool he shipped to London and it, in due time, became the robe worn by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Crown Jewels gained their present position because miners in far corners of the earth unearthed them and started them on their way to London.

The corner-stone of Westminster Abbey, the wool which became the robe of the Archbishop, and the jewels in the crown of His Majesty the King—all became what they are because someone started them on the way to London—someone gave them "direction."

Ten thousand boys in Great Britain need someone to start them on the road to true manhood—to give them "direction"—to start them toward "London." Ten thousand boys in Great Britain would like to become Boy Scouts; yet they cannot because no man in their neighbourhood is interested enough to start a troop. No one in the neighbourhood is willing to give "direction" to those boys' lives.

Without the quarry worker the corner-stone of Westminster Abbey would still rest in a pit. Without the shearer, the wool of the Archbishop's robe would still roam the hills of Yorkshire. Without the miners the jewels of the King's crown would still be in the earth. Without someone to head them toward their "London" the youth of Britain will remain static and lack the aspiration of self-development.

The building of temples of character comprises the most important business of life, and Scouting is a valuable tool in the building process. The need of the hour is men—men willing to give time, effort and interest enough to start a group of boys toward the realization of their dreams and toward the development of true manhood. The need of the hour is men whose companionship and influence will keep a group of young men from the easy road of loose morals, bad habits, and petty vices, and put them on the narrow, but pleasant road of activity, self-development, and accomplishment—the road to "London."—M. NEEF SMART.

SCOUTING IN THE MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

By LEWIS G. TARR

The author of this article, Lewis G. Tarr, is the second assistant superintendent of the British Mission Y. M. M. I. A., and is the Association's Scouting advisor. Brother Tarr believes in mixing practice with theory. Scouters in the British mission who have occasion to write to him for advice and help may be well assured that his answers and suggestions are practicable, because Scouter Tarr is also the Scoutmaster of the 37th Battersea troop (Latter-day Saint) in the Southwest London branch, where he makes sure his ideas will work.

THE Thirteenth Article of our Faith ends: "If there is anything virtuous, lovely or of good report, or praiseworthy, we seek after these things." While we all may, without question, subscribe to this statement, we often, perhaps, overlook the value of praiseworthy movements that are literally under our very eyes.

In many of the mission branches, Primary classes have recently been organized. Children who a few months ago had never heard of our Church have been drawn together and taught principles different from any that their parents ever knew. Our Church members seem surprised and exclaim: "Isn't it marvellous!" But is it? Children have been around them for years, and, but for want of effort and organization, have been neglected. Thus they have passed into manhood and womanhood never having the chance of hearing about the "Pearl of Great Price." But the Primary work is only one "anything" which is lovely and of good report.

In the year 1907, Lord Baden-Powell gathered a group of boys together on Brownsea Island. Drawing from his knowledge of men and scoutcraft he had formulated a code of laws for building the characters of youth, and wanted to see if it would work in actual practice. His scheme, which became known as Scouting, proved so good that it was subsequently launched on a national scale. By 1910 the Movement claimed 110,000 members in the United Kingdom, and it had spread to nearly every country in the world. In 1912 it was granted a Royal charter, and later in the same year His Majesty, King George V, honoured Scouting by becoming a patron.

The Scouting movement, an "anything" that is indeed praiseworthy, was introduced into the Church programme in 1913 when the national council of the Boy Scouts of America issued a Church-wide charter to the Y. M. M. I. A.

And since that time, the Church has encouraged and fostered the development of Scouting as an integral part of its organization.

In Britain, until recently, however, the Scout movement has not been utilized in our branches. With the organization of the Primary, it has become increasingly necessary that some occupation be provided the lads who have outgrown the Primary age. Scouting here, as elsewhere, is the answer to this problem. In every branch boys of twelve and upward should be organized and formed into a troop of Scouts under the supervision of the M. I. A. This will prepare them for future leadership work in Scouting, and for M Men work.

Perhaps many readers have never heard the laws of the Scouts.

They have been put in verse form (the Scout seems to learn them better this way):

Trusty, Loyal and Helpful,
 Brotherly, Courteous, Kind,
 Obedient, Smiling, Thrifty,
 Clean in Body and Mind.

These ten laws, as can readily be seen, are all based on the teachings of the Church, and if we can only be helpers in teaching these things to our boys, both by word and by deed, we shall be making good citizens of them, and future Church leaders, as well as living our religion. Socrates truly said: "No man goeth about a more godly purpose than he who is mindful of the right upbringing, not only of his own, but of other men's children."

"Be Prepared" is the Scout motto. Let us be prepared and consider seriously this part of the Lord's work. Let us see that our branch is fully organized with a five-point Mutual that includes a Scout troop. This can be done if we use our faith, prayers, and energy.

From my own personal experience I have found the work in Scouting to be more fascinating than any other branch of service in the Church. It has brought me great happiness, strengthened my faith, and supplied me with satisfaction and joy. Greater joy than teaching youth cannot be found. Let us get this Scouting spirit in our branches, so that we in the British mission may carry on in the fine Scouting traditions of the Church.

Jubilee Beacons

ARTHUR'S SEAT, near Edinburgh, known to Latter-day Saints as Pratt's hill, in 1840 was the scene of a fervent prayer by Apostle Orson Pratt as he was opening the way for the Gospel message in Scotland. Elder Pratt humbly asked the Lord that he might be instrumental in converting one hundred souls, and his prayer was answered soon after with the conversion of double the number.

On May 6th, a beacon will shine from the top of Arthur's Seat, the first to light the surrounding country from that famous hill since the celebrations of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The beacon will be one of a string of beacons placed on prominent mountains and hills throughout Great Britain by the Boy Scouts in honour of the King's Jubilee. The sites for the beacons in each county are being chosen by the County Scout associations.

WHAT OUR SCOUTS ARE DOING

NORTH LONDON BRANCH has set an example for others to follow in getting a first-rate troop into order in the short time of its existence. Scoutmaster Alfred J. Willmott held the first meeting September 7th with but three boys. In succeeding weeks some lads from the Primary and their friends joined the movement, and soon two patrols, the Panthers and Lions, were formed. There are now 15 regular attenders, with two second class Scouts and six tenderfoots.

The North London Scouts have kept busy with two district campfires, several concerts, a boxing competition, hikes, and foot-

ball, in addition to the activity afforded in preparing and taking examinations. The troop enjoys sports activity each Saturday. Congratulations, North London. Keep growing!

Scouting is taking hold in the Welsh district. Organized only two months ago, the Cardiff branch troop has two patrols, the Owls and the Swifts. The patrols are competing on a monthly basis for a shield, points being allotted according to activity. The troop is not as yet registered, but many of the lads have passed their tenderfoot tests under the direction of Scoutmaster William A. Perry and his assistant, Brother John W. Perry. The Cardiff Scouts are planning hikes, outings, athletics, and treasure hunts.

Best of success, Cardiff. You've started off well.

Keen interest is being shown by the lads of Southwest London troop. Although the organization was formed only last September, already it has been registered at Imperial Headquarters and all the lads have passed their tenderfoot examinations. Many of the Scouts joined from the Primary ranks, and are enthusiastic in their new work. Scoutmaster L. H. Tarr reports that none of the Scouts were formerly members of the Church.

You are setting an excellent example of Scout development, Scoutmaster Tarr.

Organized for nearly a year, the Sheffield branch troop is making rapid strides forward under the leadership of Scoutmaster H. V. Bailey. Six of the boys are working on second class tests, while others are preparing for their tenderfoot examinations. The Scouts meet regularly with the M. I. A., and then separate for their activity and instruction.

May you continue to climb the path of Scouting and Success, Sheffield.

Renewed interest is being taken in the Kidderminster Boy Scout troop, with an interesting programme of hikes, camps, and athletic activity. The troop was organized last autumn, and is making strides forward under the direction of Elder Ira W. Newsome and Brother Dennis F. Collins. We expect to hear more from Kidderminster Scouts later.

Great possibilities in the Scout movement are being shown in the Belfast branch, where Mr. Darling and Mr. Dougherty are putting the lads through their tenderfoot tests. Already twelve boys have been attracted to the work, and prospects are bright for the future.

Other Boy Scout leaders who are pushing the movement forward in Great Britain are George E. Gent of Nottingham branch, Ernest Welsh of Hull branch, Clifford Brodie and Thomas Webster of Preston branch, Leslie Coleby of Lowestoft branch, Stanley Short of West Hartlepool branch, Alex M. Morris of Gateshead branch, and Watson Cowling of South Shields branch. May the good work of youth continue!

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE Portsmouth district conference, conducted by President Richard G. Harston, was held at Unity hall, Sunday, March 17th, with President Joseph F. Merrill, President Joseph J. Cannon, Sister Emily T. Merrill, Sister Ramona W. Cannon, Elders G. Homer Durham and Conway A. Ashton and Brother David H. Willmot comprising the visiting authorities.

In the morning session the following local members bore their testimonies: Brother Robert Hannah and Sisters Amy R. Tomes and Doris Hannah.

In the afternoon session short speeches and recitations were given by Peggy Smith, Sisters Careta Carter and Pearl Tomes and Miss Ivy Flack. Then Sister Merrill gave the main functions of the Relief Society and said that enthusiasm and devotion were necessary to insure progression and development in this great work, and Sister Cannon gave a talk on the great work taken by the Relief Society since it was founded by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Local talks to demonstrate the work were also given by Sisters Nellie Hannah, Rose Stevens, A. R. Tomes, Doris Hannah and B. A. Carter.

After the afternoon session, sep-

arate meetings were held for the officers and teachers of the auxiliary groups.

In the evening session President Merrill stressed the significant fact that the Church was here in Britain to stay. He said it was not an American church, but a world-wide organization, and will do for other people what it has done for the people of Utah. He then pointed out the advantages a person has in living the Gospel. "It makes living a joy and a pleasure," he said.

An illustrated lecture, "Joseph Smith—An American Prophet," was then given by Elder Durham.

President Cannon pointed out the divine truths of the Book of Mormon, and also spoke of the hardships the early pioneers faced when emigrating to the West.

Musical numbers included a vocal duet by Sisters B. A. Carter and A. R. Tomes, a trio selection by Sisters Nellie and Doris and Brother Robert Hannah of the Brighton branch, and a piano rendition by Sister Pearl Tomes.

The travelling elders of the district in attendance were President Richard G. Harston, Orson Kenneth Taylor, Parley Pratt Giles, and Claudius E. Stevenson.

ORSON KENNETH TAYLOR
District Clerk

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Doings in the Districts: Hull—Following the illustrated lecture, "Joseph Smith—An American Prophet," delivered by Elder G. Homer Durham on March 9th in conjunction with the district conference, Brother Walter Yull, as M. C. directed a social evening in the Hull branch. Both events were well attended, and several saints and friends contributed items to the entertainment programme.

Sheffield—To raise funds to help defray the expense of the district M Men-Gleaner Girl banquet to be held on March 30th, Doncaster

members of these two organizations sponsored a hot pie supper at the branch meeting hall on March 6th. The supper was followed by a social evening.

During the past several months, under the direction of Brother Thomas E. Germany, weekly cottage meetings have been held in the Barnsley branch. They have been well attended by both members and investigators, and their influence for good has been felt throughout the branch and its activities.

Two out of every five who came to the M Men-Gleaner social in the Barnsley branch on February 16th

were not members of the Church. But they expressed themselves as being pleased with the wholesome entertainment provided for them. Those who were in charge of the party were assured that subsequent socials will receive the same or even better patronage from outside friends.

Manchester—Brother George E Dale was M. C. at the Rochdale branch social, March 9th, at the Market Café in Rochdale. The evening was spent in playing games, the winners of which were awarded prizes. Supper was served to conclude the festivities.

AT THE CROSSROADS

HE stood at the crossroads all alone,
 The sunrise in his face;
 He had no thought for the world unknown,
 He was set for a manly race.
 But the road stretched east and the road stretched west,
 And the boy knew not which road was best.
 So he strolled on the road that led him down,
 And he lost the race and the victor's crown—
 He was caught at last in an angry snare,
 Because no one stood at the crossroads there
 To show him the better road.

Another day at the self-same place,
 A boy with high hopes stood;
 He, too, was set for a manly race,
 He, too, was seeking the things that were good.
 But one was there who the roads did know,
 And that one showed him which way to go;
 So he turned from the road that would lead him down,
 And he won the race and the victor's crown.
 He walks today the highway fair,
 Because one stood at the crossroads there
 To show him the better road.

ANONYMOUS.

DEATH

MOUNT—Thomas William Mount, 2nd. He is survived by three sons for many years president of the in England, and three sons and Sittingbourne branch, and for the two daughters in Canada, and a past seven years a resident of a daughter in Salt Lake City. (Utah Toronto, Canada, died on March papers please copy.)

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